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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF BRAZIL  
FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free from dourine, glanders, and epizootic lymphangitis.
2. During the last 3 months, the animals have not been known to be infected with or exposed to the following diseases, nor have they been on premises where the following diseases have occurred: equine infectious anemia, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine encephalomyelitis, equine influenza (Type A), equine viral arteritis, vesicular stomatitis, anthrax, piroplasmosis, and rabies, as well as other notifiable diseases of equines.
3. The animals have been inspected and found free of ectoparasites.
4. For the past 6 months, the animals have not been in countries where African horse sickness or Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis has occurred in the last 2 years.
5. The animals originated from premises not quarantined for contagious equine metritis (CEM) and have not been exposed to animals under quarantine for this disease (this only applies to stallions and mares).
- \*6. The animals were vaccinated for equine viral arteritis with an officially approved vaccine. (Note date of vaccination and type of vaccine used on the certificate)

\* delete if not applicable

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following tests conducted within 30 days prior to embarkation (note the name of the laboratory):

1. Equine infectious anemia: Agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test

2. Vesicular stomatitis: Serum neutralization (SN) test at 1:8 dilution (both Indiana and New Jersey strains); OR complement fixation test (CF) at 1:5 dilution

- \*3. Equine viral arteritis: SN test at 1:4 dilution

\*NOTE: This test is not required for horses vaccinated for equine viral arteritis. The date of vaccination and type of vaccine must be noted in certification statement #6.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

1. The importer must obtain a prior import permit from the Minister of Agriculture, Brazil.
2. The health certificate is required to be visaed at a Brazilian Consular office.
3. The Area Veterinarian in Charge is authorized to extend the validity of the tests up to 45 days if he or she is assured by certification statement on the health certificate that the animals are isolated on the farm under his supervision and will remain isolated until export.

#### EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.